

### IN THE SPECIFICATION

With reference to the enclosed red-lined version of the specification, the specification has been amended as follows:

At page 2, lines 4 and 9, the specification has been amended according to the Examiner's suggestion to delete the botanical name "*Dendranthema grandiflora*" and insert -*Chrysanthemum morifolium*--.

At page 2, line 15, the specification has been amended to delete the term "vegetative" and insert --vegetative--.

At page 2, lines 19-20, the specification has been amended to insert the word --flowers-- following the terms "dark pink single spoon".

At page 2, line 21, the specification has been amended by inserting the word --Female-- preceding the word "Parent."

At page 2, lines 23 and 25, and at page 3, lines 2 and 4, the specification has been amended to delete the word "cultivar". At page 3, lines 17, 20, 23 and 25, the specification has been amended to delete the phrase "the cultivar".

At page 3, lines 5-14, the specification has been amended by inserting the following comparison section:

#### --Comparison with Male Parent

Plants of the new Chrysanthemum variety 'Steps' are dissimilar to the male parent 'P381D4' in plant habitat and growth rate. In side-by-side comparisons in Chichester, West Sussex, United Kingdom, under commercial practice, plants of the new Chrysanthemum variety 'Steps' differed from plants of the parent 'P381D4' in the following characteristics.

1. The new variety 'Steps' produces dark pink single spoon flowers whereas the parent 'P381D4' produces pink single flowers.

2. Plants of the new variety 'Steps' have smaller and shorter inflorescence than plants of the parent 'P381D4.'

At page 3, line 18, the specification should be amended to insert the phrase --(U.S. Plant Patent No. 14,155)-- following the word "Scott'."

At page 4, line 29, the specification has been amended to insert --Diameter of Lateral Branches: 0.5-0.6 cm--. At page 4, line 30, the specification has been amended to insert --Texture of Lateral Branches: Slightly pubescent--.

At page 5, line 3, the specification has been amended to insert --Stem Length: 5.5-6 cm--. At page 5, line 4, the specification has been amended to insert --Stem Diameter: 0.6 cm--.

At page 5, line 9, the specification has been amended to delete the term "litre" and insert --liter--.

At page 6, lines 2-3, the specification has been amended to correct the text spacing at line 2 and to insert at line 3 the terms --*Diameter*: 0.2 cm--. At page 6, line 4, the specification has been amended to insert --*Texture*: Slightly pubescent--.

At page 6, line 29, the specification has been amended to insert --*Diameter*: 0.5-0.6 cm--. At page 6, line 33, the specification has been amended to delete the word "Medium" and insert the terms --Moderately strong--.

At page 7, lines 1-3, the specification has been amended to correct the text spacing at lines 1-2 and to insert at line 3 the terms --*Diameter*: 0.2-0.3 cm--. At page 7, line 7, the specification has been amended to delete the word "Medium" and insert the terms --Moderately strong--.

At page 7, line 15-18, the specification has been amended to insert the following:

--*Corolla tube length*: 1 cm

*Corolla tube diameter:* 0.2 cm

*Spoon length:* 1.5 cm

*Spoon width:* 0.3-1 cm--

At page 7, line 33, the specification has been amended to insert the term --Spoon,-- following the phrase "Ray florets."

At page 8, lines 1-2, the specification has been amended to insert the following:

--Corolla tube, inner side: 67A

Corolla tube, outer side: 65B--

At page 8, line 3, the specification has been amended to insert the term --Spoon,-- following the phrase "Ray florets."

At page 8, line 14, the specification has been amended to insert --Lastingness of blooms: about 24 days--.

At page 8, line 16, the specification has been amended by and inserting the line --Gynoecium present on Ray and Disc Florets.--

At page 8, line 17, the specification has been amended to insert the phrase --per individual flower-- after the term "Ray florets" and delete the word "Pistillate." At page 8, line 18, the specification has been amended to delete the term ">" and insert the term --about-- preceding the term "30."

At page 8, line 23, the specification has been amended to insert --per individual flower-- after the term "Disc florets" and delete the word "Pistillate." At page 8, line 24, the specification has been amended to delete the term ">" and insert the term --about-- preceding the term "30."

At page 8, line 30, the specification has been amended by deleting the phrase "Staminate: None observed to date " and inserting the following line: --Androecium not observed.--